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MWC Inaugurates Interdepartmental Majors

May Graduates Given Scholarships

Six of the May graduates of MWC are doing graduate work this fall on scholarships awarded them. They are: Muriel Gange of Arlington, economics at Pennsylvania State College; Dorothy Anne Fisher of Stafford, economics at the University of Virginia; Marguerite Cumming of Newport News, analytical chemistry at the University of Illinois; Sue Ellen Gay Lane of Fredericksburg, early humanities at the University of Chicago; Margaret Norfleet Hines of Suffolk, zoology at Northwestern University; and Joan Rekemeyer of Scotia, N. Y., retailing at the University of Pittsburgh.

Other members of the Class of 1949 who are on record to date for graduate study include: Maude Wood of Wingina, Medical College of Virginia; Mildred Emmons of Boykins, Emory University; Margaret Andrews of Phenix, Catholic University; Ellen Pitman of Andover, Mass., University of New Hampshire; Leon Hall of Mt. Ulla, N. C., Ohio State University; Anne McCaskill of Coral Gables, Fla.; University of North Carolina; and Charlotte Kalil of Lawrence, Mass., Boston University.

Viola Wells of West Englewood, N. J., will attend the Art Students' League in New York City.

Six of the graduates have chosen medical technology as a vocation and will enter training this autumn. They are Mary Craig of Waynesboro at the University of Virginia; Mary Lou Bailey of Elkhorn at The George Washington University Hospital; Georgia M. Riddell of Delroy Beach, Fla., at St. Vincent's Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.; Jane Jackson of Millerton, N. Y., at Hungerford Hospital, Torrington, Ct.; Bettie McConnell of Miami, Fla.; Phyllis Bower of Emmitsburg, Md., and Dorothy Bishop of Chilhowie at the U. S. Marine Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y.

Combs and Alvey Welcome Class of '51

Dr. Morgan L. Combs and Dr. Edward Alvey welcomed the class of 1951 in George Washington auditorium Monday morning.

Both speakers, after extending friendly greetings to the new students, emphasized the necessity of planning the years' schedule carefully. President Combs stated, "In this challenging age we take too much for granted. Take an inventory at once of what you are to receive and what you are to give in return."

Sarah Armstrong Receives Master's

Miss Sarah Margaret Armstrong, graduate of June '48 and president of Student Government '47-'48, has been awarded a master's degree with "first honors" from the School of Retailing of New York University.

Miss Armstrong, of Leesburg, Florida, has been studying the past year on one of the twelve fellowships at New York University given out on a nationwide competitive basis.

INVITATIONS

WHO? A. R. A.

WHAT? Open-House

WHERE? The Cabin

WHEN? Sunday, Sept. 25,
from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00
P.M.

FOR? All new students
WHY? To get acquainted
with the A. R. A. girls
and the activities here at
M. W. C.

WHO? Y. W. C. A.

WHAT? Sponsor a Kid Party

WHERE? Monroe Auditorium

WHEN? Friday, Sept. 30, at
8:00 P.M.

FOR? All Big and Little Sisters

HOW? Little Sisters dress as the

TYPICAL little girl.

Three prizes! Three judges!

M. W. C.

Larson Spends Two Years At Hawaii University

When Louise Larson, attractive Mary Washington Junior, went to Hawaii in 1947 she began two of the most fascinating years of her life.

Louise's Naval officer dad was transferred to the Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor in June of 1947. It was then that Louise decided she would like to accompany him and enroll in the University of Hawaii at Honolulu. There she completed two years of college before her father was transferred back to the United States.

The University, she says, is much like those in our own country. It is situated in a beautiful valley in the outskirts of town and is built of stucco. Its enrollment is about 5500.

The native students are in the majority and the faculty is a mixture of white (Haoles) and natives, she informs us. One of the physical education instructors was a graduate of the University of Virginia. The textbooks are all written in English and Louise relates that it is remarkable how very hard the native students will struggle to understand the texts.

Louise says she was "fascinated by Hawaii. It grows on you," she said reminiscingly. "The people are wonderful. I feel funny going into it very much, because people here feel so differently about Orientals," she says. "Really they are very up-to-date, dress nicely, and are genuinely friendly." Because of the many racial groups in Hawaii there are several different foods, customs and celebrations, but everyone dresses just as we do and the homes and buildings are much like those in California, she explained.

While in Hawaii Louise took a medical technology course. Here at

Biology. The friendly, helpful people and the beautiful campus have already made this 5' 6", blue-eyed, reddish-blond-haired transfer student decide that she "likes Mary Washington very much."

Comparing her arrival in Hawaii with her return to the United States, Louise related the warm greeting that was extended when the ship arrived in Hawaii. Bands played and the passengers were presented with leis by the citizens. Upon the arrival in San Francisco, no such welcome was offered.

Here in the United States again Louise's home is in Alexandria and her father is now with the Naval Research Laboratory at Anacostia. Asked if she will ever return to Hawaii, Louise replied, "I'd like to go back if I can."

Russell Appoints Off-Campus Cabinet

Miss Diana Mary Tansill of Fredericksburg has been appointed executive secretary of the Alumnae Association of MWC. A member of the class of 1946, she majored in science and French and was active in the Matthew Fontaine Maury Science Club and Le Cercle Francaise. She was a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, a national honorary scholastic fraternity. Miss Tansill also spent a year at Smith College doing graduate work in French.

The Board of Directors of the association will meet here Oct. 14-16.

Miss Mary Annette Kline-Smith of the psychology department has been named faculty sponsor of the association for the current year.

Russell Appoints Offcampus Cabinet

For the second year an Off-Campus Cabinet has been appointed at MWC by Mrs. John C. Russell, supervisor of Off-Campus Students. Each of the ten members will counsel a small group of freshmen living in Fredericksburg homes, as dormitory accommodations are not yet available for all members of the entering class, in order to assimilate these new students into campus activities.

In the cabinet are: Christine Doumas of Fredericksburg, Elsie Lee Davidson of Buena Vista, Mary Turner of Chestertown, Md., Jean Brown of Swarthmore, Pa., Joanne Ridgely of Dayton, O., Johanna Ridgeley of Camp Lejeune, N. C., Georgene Kirkendall and Mary-Jane Bassett of Worcester, Mass., Nelle Greive of Adams, Mass., and Marcia Eggle of Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Mary Washington she is majoring

Mary Washington College, which enters its sixth year this month as the woman's division of the University of Virginia, will offer inter-departmental majors in pre-medical sciences, the early humanities, and American ideals and institutions for the first time this Fall. "A broader preparation in certain areas of study will now be afforded the student than has been available under the previous system of majoring in a single subject field" states Dean Edward Alvey, Jr.

The first of these interdepartmental majors is designed for students planning to enter schools of medicine, dentistry and medical technology. Emphasis is naturally placed on courses in the fields of biology, chemistry and physics. French and German must be taken to meet the language requirement, and mathematical analysis is the required course in mathematics. A broader basis for further advanced study than the present major in biology and chemistry is thus offered but majors in these fields may still be chosen.

Early Humanities Major

In the early humanities major, attention is directed to classical civilization and culture with courses in the art, philosophy, history, and literature of Greece and Rome constituting the basic requirements. Either Latin or Greek must be taken in addition to a modern language, and both are recommended.

The interdepartmental major in American ideals centers around courses in American art, literature, history, government, economics, and sociology. The social sciences form the core of this major but American contributions to the humanities are not neglected.

In all three of these interdepartmental majors the general requirements for a degree, such as two years of foreign language, two of English, history of civilization, etcetera, must also be met.

Nursing

A cooperative program with the University leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing will also be instituted this month. The four one-half year curriculum calls for two nine-month winter sessions at Mary Washington College and the remaining time at the University of Virginia School of Nursing. A summer session of six weeks in the School of Nursing will follow each winter session in Fredericksburg and will provide the student with an introduction to the principles and art of nursing and an insight into actual hospital nursing through hospital practice in Charlottesville.

Among the new courses to be offered in 1949-1950 are: Business Finance, Comparative Economic Systems; Atomic Physics; Population Problems; Proseminar in Historiography and Research Methods; Classical Philosophers; The Novel in Spain; Modern Writers of Spain; and The French Novel, The French Theatre. Additional courses in home economics as those in interior decorating which are being developed by the department.

New Profs

Few changes in the faculty and staff will be made this year. To the department of chemistry now headed by Dr. Earl G. Inselby who succeeds the late Dr. Roy S. Cook, Dr. Herbert Lee Cover has been appointed. Dr. Cover, who was awarded his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Vir-

ginia, is a native of Elkton and has been serving as instructor in chemistry at the University. Miss Doris Jean Reid of Shelburne, Mo., has been added to the department of home economics as instructor in textiles and clothing. She will also serve as hostess at French Hill, a residence hall acquired by the college in 1948. A graduate of Northeast Missouri, Kirksville (Mo.) State Teachers College, she taught home economics in Montgomery City, Mo., before entering Virginia Polytechnic Institute where she had completed her requirements for the M.S. degree. Dr. Matila Ghyka, professor of art, has been granted a six month leave of absence which he is spending in Europe and the retirement of Mrs. Dalia L. Ruff, foods purchaser and assistant dietitian, has been announced. Miss Elizabeth Wysor, assistant professor of voice, will return to the faculty after a two year leave of absence spent in concertizing in Europe.

Richard Lear Anders of Cleveland, Ohio, a graduate of Penn College, has been appointed head of the cataloguing department of E. Lee Trinkle Library. He received his M.A. at Columbia University and his B.S. in Library Science at the University of Illinois. Anders was formerly a member of the library staff at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.

Westmoreland Gets New House Mother

Willardites might think that they have had their face lifted, what with new wallpaper and paint; but the Westmorelanders have had an even more exciting event . . . a brand new housemother!

She is Mrs. Hester Z. Jacobus, a very tiny lady, with silvery hair and dancing eyes. From Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she was Assistant Dean of Women at the Philadelphia School of the Bible, Mrs. Jacobus decided to try her hand at Mary Washington College. She has had a great deal of experience with students; and, already she has shown her ability, for she has most definitely made a hit with the girls in Westmoreland!

There are not many places in these United States that Mrs. Jacobus has not visited. A native of Iowa, she worked in Des Moines and then after her marriage, lived in Michigan. In Chicago, Mrs. Jacobus worked at the Moody Bible Institute . . . from there to Philadelphia. However, she considers Charleston, Maine her "real home," for she spends each summer there with one of her daughters. Besides residing in those cities, Mrs. Jacobus has traveled in 30 of the United States and she has spent one of her summers in Europe.

The new housemother is quite proud of her two daughters, one of whom is a missionary doctor now living in the Belgian Congo. This daughter, Jean, has received her M.D. degree and is also a skilled surgeon. The elder daughter, Mary, teaches in Maine at the Higgins' Classical Institute.

When asked her opinion of Mary Washington, her eyes sparkled as she said, "Oh, I love it!" Although it is very early in the year, we hope that Mrs. Jacobus shall continue to love Mary Washington . . . We're sure that we shall love her!

Try Outs

Tryouts for the Mary Washington College Theater production of "The Women" will be held Monday and Tuesday, September 26 and 27 at 7:30 P.M. in Monroe Auditorium. All students are eligible to try out.

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In Memoriam

The Bullet Staff, representing the student body of Mary Washington College, extends its most sincere sympathy to the Free Lance-Star on the loss of their editor, to the city of Fredericksburg on the loss of its mayor, and to the family of Josiah P. Rowe, who died suddenly September 6. The MWC Band especially regrets the death of their enthusiastic friend and ardent supporter.

Eric Isenburger Exhibits Paintings

Ten paintings by Eric Isenburger will be on exhibit through Oct. 13 in Monroe Hall.

Isenburger, now a naturalized citizen, has exhibited in prominent art centers of Europe and the United States and his paintings have received many awards. He is represented in the permanent collections of the Museum of Modern Art, New York City, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, and the Corcoran Gallery of Arts in Washington.

Insley To Head Chemistry Dept.

Dr. Earl G. Insley has been named head of the chemistry department. Dr. Insley succeeds Dr. Roy C. Cook, who died quite suddenly during the summer school session.

Dr. Insley, a member of the faculty since 1941, received his B. S. and Ph.D degrees at Johns Hopkins University where he was an instructor prior to accepting a position in the high schools of Baltimore County as a science teacher. He is a native of Bivalve, Virginia.

Personal--Do Not Read!

Dear Jody,

I hope registration hasn't completely disillusioned you about college life—even the best of people get 11:30 Saturday classes sometimes. And now, having exhausted that subject, I would like to mention your roommates. Just because they can eat and not gain weight, doesn't necessarily mean that you can do likewise with the same results—a word to the wise—.

With the above observations out of the way, I come to the primary purpose and plot of this epistle. I know that if I tried to talk to you about the following you would change the subject quicker than your No-Saturday-Classes-Schedule was changed, but I hope that by writing, you will see how important I think this matter is.

Don't procrastinate. When a prof. says read certain things but doesn't give a deadline, do it at once, so that you will be ready for pop quizzes and the next assignment. No fooling, nothing can foul things up more than a stack of back assignments that have to be done the night before a big test.

Even Einstein doesn't know all the answers, so don't be ashamed to ask questions. You can't sound too dumb if you listen enough to have a question, but if you listen and still don't get it, then is the time to toss pride out the window and just plain admit it. Always remember, profs. get suspicious when nobody asks questions and their suspicions are often followed by pop tests. Besides just think how your class mates will admire your courage, when the answer to your question clears things up for them too.

All of this can, of course, be neatly summed up for the sake of conserving your mental capacities for passing the Bayonet test. The summary is LAW, Listen, Ask, and Work. I doubt if you got this far in the letter, but if you did I'm both proud of you and amazed.

Love,

Sis

P.S. I hope you don't mind my sending this to you in the Bullet, but I heard they needed material, and I couldn't talk to you about it, as I explained, and besides I don't have any stamps. As you can see by the head everybody knows it's personal and nobody would think of reading a person's private mail.

Sis

Calendar

Saturday, Sept. 24—Formal Reception on George Washington Hall Roof Garden for new students only—8:30 P. M. (If rain, Hall of Mirrors.)

Sunday, Sept. 25—Big-Little Sister Church Day—11:00 A. M. Open-House at Cabin—2 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.

Monday, September 26—Freshman Training examination—5:00 P. M. M. W. C. Players Meeting in Monroe Hall—6:45 P. M. Tryouts for "The Women" in Monroe Hall—7:30 P. M.

Tuesday, Sep. 27—Chapel in George Washington Auditorium—12:30 P. M. Tryouts for "The Women" in Monroe Hall—7:30 P. M.

Wednesday, Sept. 28—Convocation in George Washington Auditorium—7:00 P. M. Y. W. C. A. program.

Friday, Sept. 30—Kid Party in Monroe Auditorium—8:00 P. M. Chapel in George Washington Auditorium—12:30 P. M.

Tuesday, Oct. 4—Chapel in George Washington Auditorium—12:30 P. M.

Wednesday, Oct. 5—Convocation in George Washington Auditorium—7:00 P. M.

Friday, Oct. 7—Chapel in George Washington Auditorium—12:30 P. M.

Vive La Liberte!

"These Americans, they are so free!" exclaimed Rose Plewniak as she told her impression of our United States. Rose, a 19-year-old freshman who recently came from Lille, France to make her home in Toronto, Canada, is very enthusiastic about that freedom. Rose, with her parents and two small sisters, arrived in New York aboard the Queen Elizabeth last July. At present, they are living on a fruit and vegetable farm about 6 miles out of Toronto. Farming is new for the Plewniaks as they were merchants in France. Rose has only one objection—there is too much work.

While attending public high school in Lille, Rose took two years of English. She said that she has had little difficulty with the language since she arrived but she still can't understand the slang. It was fun, she laughed, to order a meal when she was coming over and wonder what it was going to be.

Rose likes the States much better than Canada. "Probably because I have spent so much time here," she exclaimed. She didn't like New York very much because "it was so busy" but was very impressed by Washington because "it is so clean."

"Americans are so much freer in everything," Rose says. "The young people are so free—their dress is freer, they smoke, they go where they wish and some even drink."

She was particularly astounded about the girls smoking. "In France college girls wear uniforms and never even think of smoking," she laughed.

"I'm very impressed by the college and expect to be very happy here," said Rose. She expects to major in piano and is very interested in acting and dancing.

Rose is 5 ft. 3 in. tall, weighs 115 pounds, has blonde hair and deep blue eyes, and a bright infectious smile. She is living in 215 Westmoreland Hall.

Before coming to M. W. Rockwell taught in Asheville.

Notice

Any Freshmen who have not heard from their Big Sisters by Saturday, Sept. 24, please see Ann Stone in 224 Virginia Hall.

Canterbury Club Resumes Activities

The Canterbury Club, the organization on campus for Episcopal students will get its years' program underway on Saturday, Sept. 24 with a picnic for the old members up at the cabin at 5:30. If you wish to attend or to spend the night up at the cabin, sign up with your Episcopal dorm representative. If you have not been contacted by Friday night go to Westmoreland 109.

The regular Sunday night programs and supper will begin Sept. 25. A bus will be at Chandler Circle at 5:45 to take all Canterbury members, both new and old to St. George's Church where the meetings will be held for the first semester.

The first Communion Service up on the Hill will be held Wednesday morning, Sept. 28 at 7 in the Student Activity room in Virginia basement.

The October 2 meeting of the Canterbury Club will be held up at the cabin. The Canterbury Club of U. of Va. will be here for this meeting.

St. George's and Trinity Episcopal churches are giving a party October 7 at St. George's at 8 o'clock for all Episcopal students.

PERSONALS

Welcome back to M. W. C. and a very hearty hello to the new freshmen. Now that all of the preliminaries are over, let's turn this column into an engagement and pinned bureau.

Jenny Sommers got her Beta pin from "Bobbie Poo" this summer. It looks like wedding bells will be ringing soon because "Bobbie Poo" is now teaching school.

Margaret Anne Eanes is engaged to Bill Noffsinger who is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. Best wishes, Margaret Anne.

It looks like the Junior Ring Figure dance last April proved more to Mary Jane McIntosh than just another dance. Her ensign gave her her M. W. C. ring at that dance, but it has now been exchanged for a diamond.

Mary Jane Guthrie is engaged to Littleton Simpson at Randolph-Macon. She isn't wearing her ring, but don't get excited, her ring was too large and it had to be cut to fit, so by next week she will be flashing it around the campus.

Bonney Powell is now pinned to Ken Hoover from West Maryland.

In addition to all of these engagements we have lost two of the girls to the wonderful state of matrimony.

Jane Mooney is now Mrs. Harold Scott Mercer. She was married September 11, but she is now back at M. W. C. to complete her senior year.

Ann Gallaway married Don Chamblin August 18 in Augusta, Arkansas.

The weekend trips to college football games have already started this weekend. Jane Davis, Sally East, Mary Ann Lutz and Jenny Bryant are going to Virginia to see Virginia play George Washington. Nancy Herring is going to Annapolis this weekend.

Ellen Ware is sporting a new diamond. The wedding will take place next Fall. Carmen Zeppenfeldt is making plans for next Spring.

270 Students Make Dean's List

Dr. Edward Alvey, Jr., has announced that 270 students or approximately 18.9% of the Mary Washington College enrollment made Dean's List in the past spring. Eligibility for the honor requires that a student achieve an average of "B" in her courses with no grade less than a "C".

all the new students. The Athletic Recreation Association is looking forward to meeting the new students then and hopes all of them find some sport or activity in which they are interested to participate in this year.

Remember . . .

Big Sisters! Don't forget to take your Little Sister to church this Sunday, Sept. 25.